

H3853–54, H3985, H3985–86, H3990–91 and H3991–92. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSERVATION PROGRAM CONTRACTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research held a hearing to review the USDA administration of conservation program contracts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Robert Stephenson, Acting Deputy Administrator, Field Operations, Farm Services Agency; Dave White, Acting Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Kathleen S. Tighe, Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General; Lisa Shames, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and John Jurich, Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Combat Aircraft Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Mark Shackelford, USAF, Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force; and VADM David Archizel, USN, Principal Deputy for Research, Development and Acquisition, Navy.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a joint hearing on Protecting our Nation's Leaders: Challenges of 2008 Presidential Campaign and the 56th Presidential Inauguration. Testimony was heard from Mark Sullivan, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; and Phillip Morse, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Native American and Alaska Natives Issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Raising Wages and Living Standards for Families and Workers. Testimony was heard from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau

of Labor Statistics; Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on European Command. Testimony was heard from GEN Bantz J. Craddock, USA, U.S. Commander, European Command.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Medical Transition, Defense to Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Kussman, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and S. Ward Casscells, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECONSTRUCTING FUNDING IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Effective Counterinsurgency: How the Use and Misuse of Reconstruction Funding Affects the War Effort in Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; MAJ GEN Arnold Fields, USMC (ret.) Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; and Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Managing Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO.

CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Contingency Contracting: Has the Call for Urgent Reform Been Answered? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Shay D. Assad, Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy and Strategic Sourcing, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; and Major Gen. Darryl A. Scott, USAF, Deputy Commander, Task Force to Support Business Operations in Iraq, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary, Business Transformation; the following officials of the Department of the Army: Edward M. Harrington, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Procurement, Department of the Army; and Jeffrey P. Parsons, Executive Director, U.S. Army Contracting Command.